(b) what steps are being taken to make available the employment opportunities and reduce the rate of unemployment growth;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Aagriculture and animal husbandry field has a potential to generate many crore jobs at local village level, if proper programmes and policies are adopted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Reliable estimates of unemployed persons during the period July, 2000 to June, 2004 will be available after completion of the field survey scheduled for July, 2004 to June, 2005 by the National Sample Survey Organization and publication of the results thereof.

(b) Steps are being taken through the plan initiative for creation of additional employment opportunities in agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises, information communication technology and other serivces. Government is also implementing various special employment generation schemes like Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana etc. Action has been initiated to draft the National Employment Guarantee Bill to provide 100 days of employment to one able bodied person in every poor household.

(c) and (d) Agriculture and allied sector has been identified as one of the main sectors with substantial job potential. Various programmes and policies identified relate to oil seeds and pulses, watershed development for rain fed areas, horticulture, on farm management programmes, agri clinics and Seed production, greening the country through agro forestry, fresh water aquaculture etc.

Inclusion of new industries in list of ARIs

†*246. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any survey or research conducted for including certain new industries in the existing agro and rural industries;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the industries which have recently been included therein;

(d) the number of industries covered under Agro and Rural Industries till March, 2004 alongwith details thereof; and

(e) the value of annual production done by these industries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Agro and Rural Industries are mainly set up under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) by Khadi and Village Industries Commission. Agro and Rural Industries include all the industries set up under Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) sector. Further, all industries set up in the rural areas are included in the village industries except those included in the negative list provided the following criteria are fulfilled:—

(i) It should be located in a village or in a small town whose population does not exceed 20,000 (as per 1991 census), and

(ii) Fixed investment per head of any artisan or a worker does not exceed Rs. 50,000/-.

Activities covered under negative list are as follows:—

(1) Cultivation of crops

(2) Horticulture, floriculture, tea, coffee, rubber, animal husbandry like pisciculture, poultry, etc.

(3) Handloom and sericulture

(4) Khadi and polyvastra project

(5) Meat (processing, canning and/or serving) and intoxicant items like tobacco, liquor (production/manufacture/sale)

(6) Environmentally hazardous activities like manufacturing of polythene bags of less than 20 icrons thickness etc.

As the above definition of village industries include all industries set up in the rural areas excluding those in the negative list, the question of conducting any survey or research for including certain new industries in the existing agro and rural industries does not arise.

Beside the above activities under the KVI sector, the Ministry is also implementing Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) scheme under which loans upto Rs. 1.00 lakh for Business Sector and Rs. 2.00

lakh for industry sector are disbursed by banks. The number of cases where banks have disbursed the loan under the PMRY scheme during the last three years, are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	*Number of cases disbursed	Amount disbursed
2001-02	189860	1185
2002-03	189588	1196
2003-04 (P)	116540	692

*The employment generation is estimated at the rate of 1.5 times per case disbursed.

(d) and (e) Details of different types of industries, set up till 31.3.2004 in the village industries sector are given in the Statement (*See* below). The number of village industries set up during the last three years by KVIC under REGP and total value of production in the village industries sector of KVIC are given below:

(Rupees in crores)

Years	New Projects set up	Production
2001-02	20767	7140.52
2002-03	21024	8126.30
2003-04 (Provisional)	24747	9263.98

Statement

Different types of units under various groups of village industries set up till 31.03.2004

Sl. No.	Industry	Number of different types of units
1.	Polymer & chemical based industry	33
2.	Agro-based & food processing industry	29
3.	Forest based industry	18
4.	Handmade paper and fibre industry	10
5.	Mineral-based industry	30
6.	Rural engineering & bio-technology industry	68
7.	Service industry	66
	TOTAL:	254